

**REMARKS**

Applicants herewith provisionally elect Claims 26-28 upon which Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 17-19 are now dependent, directly or indirectly, on elected Claim 26.

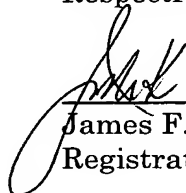
Accordingly, an early action on the merits of all claims remaining in this application is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.50262C1).

Respectfully submitted,

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